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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to February 22, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-11, 13-21, 24, 25, 27, 28, 40, 42-49 and 50-56.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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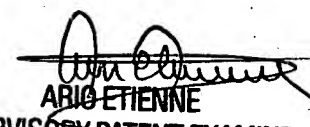
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Ananian Reg. No. 35,050 on March 14, 2007.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims **27, 28, 42, 46** and **50** as follows:

27. (Currently Amended) A delivery system for use in a client server computer architecture in which the server provides streaming media assets to at least one client over a computer network, wherein the media assets can have a plurality of data formats, comprising:

a packet producer that acquires at least one streaming media asset in packetized form and places time stamps on the packets, each time stamp specifying a delivery time for its respective packet, wherein the packet producer adjusts the delivery time of at least one time stamp in accordance with a value indicating a pre read size capability of a receiving client;

a time stamp packet queue containing the packets with time stamps in a first in, first out order;

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a feeder module that removes packets from the time stamp packet queue and transmits the removed packets to a client via the computer network, the transmission for each packet concluded at least by the specified delivery time in each packet;

wherein the feeder module further operative to control the admission of streaming media assets into the feeder that are to be delivered to a client, the control of admission ~~and~~ comprising defining a time window in terms of a first duration of time;

computing a number of bytes that need to be delivered during the time window, the bytes comprising a first streaming media asset;

translating the computed number of bytes into a first time to process value for the first streaming media asset; and

admitting for delivery the first streaming media asset if the first time to process value is smaller than the time window.

28. (Currently Amended) The delivery system of Claim 27, wherein the control of admission further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

computing a number of bytes that need to be delivered during the time window, the bytes comprising at least one additional streaming media asset;

translating the computed number of bytes into at least one additional time to process value for the at least one additional streaming media asset;

adding the at least one additional time to process value to the first time to process value;
and

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admitting for delivery the at least one additional streaming media asset if the at least one additional time to process value is smaller than the time window.

42. (Currently Amended) The method for delivering the streaming media assets in Claim [[41]] 51, further comprising: resolving delivery conflicts between at least two streaming media assets delivered simultaneously by the server to at least one client, wherein the at least one client has a pre read size value that indicates a capability of the client to pre read data, the streaming media assets comprising data packets having delivery time stamps.

46. (Currently Amended) The method for delivering the streaming media assets of Claim [[41]] 51, further comprising: resolving delivery conflicts between at least two streaming media assets delivered simultaneously by the server to at least one client, wherein the at least one client has a max buffer size value that indicates a capability of the client to accept delayed data, the streaming media assets comprising data packets having delivery time stamps.

50. (Currently Amended) The method for delivering the streaming media assets of Claim [[41]] 51, further comprising: controlling the admission of streaming media assets into the time stamp packet queue that are to be delivered to a client.

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LaShonda T. Jacobs whose telephone number is 571-272-4004. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on 571-272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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